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SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—I beg to lay :

- (i) Notification No. RD 99 SST 75 dated 31st January 1978.
The Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Rules, 1978.
- (ii) Notification No. RD 55 TRR 77 dated 4th January 1978.
The Karnataka Land Revenue (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1978 ;
Under Section 198 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

MR. SPEAKER.—The notifications are laid.

Milk Supply at Hubli-Dharwar Corporation Area

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—Before we go to the regular business, the notice given under Rule 312 by Sri Deshpande and myself regarding supply of milk in Hubli-Dharwar Corporation area might be taken up. Sir, the milk supply in the Hubli-Dharwar Corporation area is very unsatisfactory and inadequate. Most of the consumers are not getting even one-fourth of the milk which they were getting in course of the year. The milk now supplied contains more water than milk. Despite making complaints, the local authorities have not cared to check this adulteration and to increase the supply of milk. It is also reported that huge quantities of milk is being supplied to the hotel owners at the cost of the poor consumers. Consequently the price of milk has gone very high and the poor people are put to a great hardship. Unless the Government takes immediate steps to increase the supply of milk and prevent the adulteration, the situation would be graver still.

Sir, the population of Hubli-Dharwar is nearly 5 lakhs. Its daily requirement of milk is 1½ lakh litres. Now the Dairy is getting only 40,000 liters milk. The Hotels and the canteens run by the industrial centres require about 20,000 litres. Mostly the bulk supply is made to the hotel-owners and the industrial centres. The poor consumers who were getting 4 bottles per day are now getting one bottle daily. My wife has complained to me that the milk supplied contains more water than milk. We the legislators contacted the local authorities and requested them to make a surprise check and test the milk and punish the erring officials or agents. They have failed to do this. Not only that, we have come to know that there is something wrong at the dairy itself. It is said that the authorities are mixing certain powder and water to make it a milk. I think the concerned Minister